

## **INFORMATION PAPER**

### **Evolution from PATRIOT to Medium Extended Air Defense System (MEADS)**

- On July 29, 2003, the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) chaired a Defense Acquisition Board (DAB) in-process review of the Army's plan for combined management, development, and fielding of the PATRIOT and MEADS systems.
- As a result of that review, USD(AT&L) approved the Army's general approach to combine the programs.
  - This approach will modify the current plan to deliver MEADS as a single system, one battalion at a time, to the development and incremental fielding within PATRIOT battalions of the individual elements of the MEADS system.
  - The Army will manage all work as a single integrated effort, combining fiscal and programmatic resources.
  - The Army will continue to negotiate with the current MEADS international partners to establish a cooperative development partnership.
- While he approved the general combined program approach, USD(AT&L) directed the Army to present a more detailed and comprehensive plan for approval in October 2003. This plan will address several issues, to include the Army's plan to fund the combined program in the FY05-09 Future Years Defense Program (FYDP).
- In addition, USD(AT&L) authorized the production of additional PATRIOT Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3) missiles in FY03, subject to funding availability.